

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A latex composition ~~characterized by~~ comprising a polychloroprene latex and from 1 to 70 parts by mass, per 100 parts by mass of the polychloroprene latex, of an EVA resin emulsion having a mass ratio of ethylene being at least 40%, as main components.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A latex composition ~~characterized by~~ comprising a polychloroprene latex and from 0.5 to 50 parts by mass, as calculated as solid content per 100 parts by mass of the solid content of the polychloroprene latex, of an EVA resin emulsion having a mass ratio of ethylene being at least 40%, as main components.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The latex composition according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the polychloroprene latex is one prepared by polymerizing 100 parts by mass of chloroprene and from 0.1 to 10 parts by mass of an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid in the presence of from 0.5 to 10 parts by mass of polyvinyl alcohol and then, adding a pH adjusting agent to adjust the pH of the latex to from 6 to 10.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The latex composition according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the polychloroprene latex contains an alkali salt of resin acid.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The latex composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1, ~~which contains~~ further comprising an adhesive resin.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The latex composition according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1, ~~which contains~~ further comprising a metal oxide.

Claim 7 (Original): The latex composition according to Claim 6, wherein the metal oxide is zinc oxide.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A method for bonding a porous polymer material and a cloth, ~~which comprises using~~ comprising utilizing the latex composition as defined in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1 as an adhesive.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A laminate characterized in that it is formed by bonding a porous polymer material and a cloth by means of the latex composition as defined in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A water base primer obtained by adjusting the solid content of the latex composition as defined in ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1 in a range of at most 40 wt%.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A bonding method for bonding an adherend ~~by means of~~ comprising applying the water base primer as defined in Claim 10.

Claim 12 (New): The latex composition according to Claim 2, wherein the polychloroprene latex is one prepared by polymerizing 100 parts by mass of chloroprene and from 0.1 to 10 parts by mass of an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid in the presence

of from 0.5 to 10 parts by mass of polyvinyl alcohol and then, adding a pH adjusting agent to adjust the pH of the latex to from 6 to 10.

Claim 13 (New): The latex composition according to Claim 2, wherein the polychloroprene latex contains an alkali salt of resin acid.

Claim 14 (New): The latex composition according to Claim 2, further comprising an adhesive resin.

Claim 15 (New): The latex composition according to Claim 2, further comprising a metal oxide.

Claim 16 (New): The latex composition according to Claim 15, wherein the metal oxide is zinc oxide.

Claim 17 (New): A method for bonding a porous polymer material and a cloth, comprising utilizing the latex composition as defined in Claim 2 as an adhesive.

Claim 18 (New): A laminate characterized in that it is formed by bonding a porous polymer material and a cloth by means of the latex composition as defined in Claim 2.

Claim 19 (New): A water base primer obtained by adjusting the solid content of the latex composition as defined in Claim 2 in a range of at most 40 wt%.

Claim 20 (New): A bonding method for bonding an adherend comprising applying the water base primer as defined in Claim 19.